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Fountain of Health

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In the Wonderful Efficacy, and

almoſt incredible Virtue of true Oyl, which is made of *Sulphur Vive*, ſet on fire, and called commonly, *Oyl of Sulphur* per Campanam.

Faithfully Collected out of the writings of the moſt excelling Philoſopher, and unparalel'd Phyſitian of this laſt age, *John Baptiſt Van Helmont*, lately deceaſed; and confirmed by the experience of

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To the Reader.

TO let you know I have not ſpent all my dayes in ſpeculative notions *only, I have appeared in this Publication to have ſome practical experience alſo; yet this is neither* Inducement, *nor is there any Obligation as I am* cautious *of lies upon me to enforce it, but only one; and that is,* pura lex Charitatis; *the undefiled Law of Love, as one Chriſtian, and every one ought to exerciſe towards another, in aſſiſting one another in every gradual motion, tending to the benefit one of another; and as one Tree yeelds not all kinds of fruit, but every one ſeveral, gracefully yeelding the more various contentment applicable to every uſe: ſo by the Divine* Providence, *my Talent being beſtowed on me this way, leſt I ſhould hide it in a Napkin, and incur the deſerved ſentence of the barren Figg-Tree, I freely make it Communicable to the good and ſalubrity of all, and ſhall always be ſtudious thereof, while I am,*

Thomas Moulſon.

From the *Golden Key* in *Tenter-Alley*, in Little Morefields.
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The Wonderful efficacy, and almoſt incredible Virtue of true Oyl which is made of Sulphur Vive, *ſet on fire and called commonly Oyl of Sulphur* per Campanam.

Of this moſt noble Liquor, *and not vulgar Medicine, the excelling* Philoſopher Helmont *writeth thus in his Excellent Diſcourſe concerning the Tree of Life.*

IN the year 1600 a certain man belonging to the *Camp*, whoſe office was to keep account of the proviſion of *Victuals*, which was made for the Army, being charged with a numerous Family of ſmall Children, unable to ſhift for themſelves, himſelf being then 58 years of age, was very ſenſible of the great care and burden which lay upon him to provide for them while he lived, and concluded that ſhould he dye, they muſt be inforced to beg their bread from door to door, whereupon he came (*ſaith Helmont*) and deſired of me ſomething for the preſervation of his Life; I then (being a young man) pittyed his

ſad condition, and thus thought with my ſelf, the fume of burning *Sulphur*, is by experience found powerfully effectual to preſerve *Vines* from corruption; Then I collecting my thoughts, concluded that the *acid* Liquor or Oyl, which is made of *Sulphur Vive*, ſet on fire, doth of neceſſity containe in it ſelf this fume, yea, and the whole odour of the *Sulphur* in aſmuch as it is indeed nothing elſe but the very *Sulphurous* fume imbibed or drunk up in its *mercurial Salt*, and ſo becomes a condenſed Liquor. Then I thought with my ſelf, our blood being (to us) no other then as it were the *Wine of our Life*, that being preſerved, if it prolong not the life, at leaſt, it will keep it ſound from thoſe many Diſeaſes which proceed originally from corruption, by which means the life being ſound and free from diſeaſes, and defended from paines and grief, might be in ſome ſort ſpun out to a further length then otherwiſe; upon which meditated reſolution, I gave him a Viol glaſs with a ſmall quantity of this *Oyl*, diſtilled from *Sulphur Vive* burning, and taught him (moreover) how to make it as he ſhould afterward need it; I adviſed him of this Liquor, he ſhould take two drops before each Meale in a ſmall draught of beer, and not ordinarily to exceed that Doſe, nor to intermit the uſe of it, taking for granted that two drops of that Oyl contained a large quantity of the fume of *Sulphur*. The man took my advice, and at this day in the

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year 1641. he is lusty and in good health, walks the streets at *Brussels* without complaint, and is likely longer to live; and that which is most remarkable, in this whole space of forty one years he was not so much as ill, so as to keep his bed, yea, although (when of a great age) in the depth of Winter, he broke his Legg near to his anclebone, by a fall upon the Ice, yet with the use of this Oyl he recovered, without the least *Symptome* of a Fever; and although in his old age, Poverty had reduced him to great straits and hardship, and made him feel much want of things necessary for the comfort and conveniency of life; yet he lives healthy and sound, though spare and lean.

The old mans name is *John Mass*, who waited upon *Rithovius*, Bishop of *Ypre* in his Chamber, when the Earls of *Thorne* and *Egmont* were beheaded by the Duke of *Alva*, and he was then twenty five years of age; so that now he is compleat 99 years of age, healthy, and lusty, and still continues the use of that Liquor daily.

Thus farr *Helmont*, which relation, as it is most remarkable, so it gives the *Philosophical* reason of his Advice, on which it was grounded: And elsewhere the same Authour relates, how by this Liquor he cured many dangerous deplorable Fevers, which by other Physitians had been given over for desperate.

And in other places he commends it as a peerless

leſs remedy, to aſſwage the inſatiable thirſt which accompanies moſt Fevers.

To which relation and teſtimony, of this moſt learned *Phyſician*, and excelling *Philoſopher*, I ſhall add my own experience.

I find it a ſure Preſervative againſt corruption, not onely in living creatures, but even in dead *Fleſh*, *Beer*, *Wine*, *Ale*, &c. a recoverer of *dying Beer*, and *Wines* that are decayed, a cure for Beer when ſick and ropeing; fleſh by this means may be preſerved ſo incorruptible, as no imbalming in the world can go beyond it, for the keeping of a dead Carkaſe, nor Salting, come near its efficacy, as to the conſerving Meat, or Fowles, or Fiſh, which by this means are not onely kept from corruption, but made a *mumial* Balſom, which is it ſelf a Preſervative from corruption, of ſuch as ſhall eat thereof; which being a curious rarity, and too coſtly for to be made a vulgar experiment, I ſhall paſs it over, and come to thoſe uſes which are moſt Beneficial and Deſireable.

It is an excellent cleanſer of the *Teeth*, being ſcoured with it, they will become as white as the pureſt *Ivory*, and the mouth being waſhed with this Oyl, dropped in water or white Wine, ſo as to make it onely of the ſharpneſs of Vineger; it prevents the growing of that yellow ſcale, which uſually adheres to the Teeth, and is the fore-runner of their putrifaction; it

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prevents their rottenness for future, and stops it (being begun) from going further: takes away the pain of the Teeth, diverts Rhumes, and is a sure help for the strongest savour of the *Breath*, making it very sweet.

In a word, There is not a more desirable thing can be found, for such who would have clean or sound Teeth, or sweet breath, or to be free from *Rheums*; for which use, let the water be made, by dropping this Oyl into it, as sharp as vineger, as I said before.

Against a tickling *Cough* and *Hoarseness*, it is an excellent Remedy; not onely taken two or three drops twice or thrice a day inwardly, in the usual drink one useth before each meal, but also by gargling the Throat with it; and (so used) it is excellent against swelled *Throats*, *Squinances*, *Wenns*, *Swellings* or *Knobs* like *Kernels* in the flesh, all inflamations in the mouth, whether it be the *Vuula* extended by an afflux of humours vulgarly said to be the falling of the Palate, or inflamations of other Muscles, causing the Almonds of the ears to swell, which compress the Weasand, and consequently cause extream dolour.

It is excellent also against the Head-ach, and

and to divert Rheums from the eyes, to wash the Temples therewith; likewise to take away *Tetters*, *Morphew*, *Itch*, or *Scabs*: This dropped in water is a pleasant, safe, and effectual Remedy.

Besides which Outward application, it is an amicable Balsom to the Internal parts. And Internally taken, preventing corruption, rooting out the seeds thereof, though never so deeply concealed in the body, and by that means it openeth inveterate Obstructions, eradicating old Pains, and preventing otherwise usual relapses into *Stranguretical*, *Colical*, or *Arthritical* pains.

It is *Absterfive*, cleansing all excrementitious settlings in the Mesaraick, or Mesenterial Vessels, and so cutting off the Original Sourse, and taking away the cause of putrifactive corruption; which is the productive beginner of very many diseases.

On this account it lengthens the life, and frees the body from many pains and evils, to which otherwise it would be subject.

It is a pleasant Remedy, having onely a little sharpness, which to the Palate is most grateful, and yet this acidity is *contra*-distinct

stinct from that acidity, that is the fore-runner of putrefaction, which it kills and destroys, as the acidity of the spirit of Vitriol, is destroyed by the fixed Acrimony of its own *Caput mortuum*; or that of Vinegar, by the touch of *Cerusse* or *Minium*.

Preternatural heat and thirst in Fevers, is no way allayed so speedily and safely, as by this; nor is there any thing that for a constant continuance may be more safely and profitably taken. Spirit of Salt (such as the Noble *Helmont* speaks of) alone may be joyned with this, for its safety, and continual use with profit; especially in the Stone, in the Bladder, and gravel in the Kidneys, and other distempers in the Reines, as heat and sharpness of Urin.

Likewise it is a most effectual preservative against all Corruption, and indeed there is no remedy more prevalent then this against contagious Fevers, small *Pox*, and *Measels*: It is also a most soveraign Antidote and Remedy against the *Plague* or *Pestilence*, being a singular preserver of the body against all contagion and putrifaction whatsoever.

Also it wonderfully prevaileth against all diseases coming of putrifaction, cold or wind; against all Feavers and Agues, the Quotidian,

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Tertian, and Quartin; as also the foul disease, Wounds, and Ulcers; the several defects and infirmities of the Brain, Mouth, Teeth, Liver, Stomack, Spleen, Matrix, Bladder, Entralls, and Arteries. And outwardly applyed, it helpeth Fistulaes, Ulcers of the mouth, and Gangrenes.

Now as this is so Noble a Medecine, so there is none in the world more basely adulterated and counterfeited; therefore it behooveth all persons that shall make use thereof, to be well satisfied first of the ingenuity, honesty, and ability of the Artist, before they presume to make use of it.

Now as to its goodness, and great care taken in its preparation, I could have had many both honest and learned Attestators, who have had the experience of it upon several of their Patients, and still daily use it in their practice with good success.

Those now, who know not by sad experience the difficulty of gaining credit to truths of this kind, might well suppose enough had already been expressed to perswade at least a Tryal of so noble a medicine, if not a fair and clear acceptation, but so great a prejudice against new discoveries, remaines upon the minds of the most by abuse of Deceivers; that what hath been said in its behalf will hardly

hardly prevail for such a reliance upon its use, as its vertues really deserves; therefore to silence all opposers, and to obtaine its chearful embracement; take here the sure testimony of some instances of its happy Victories and successes in divers remarkable cases and conflicts; wherein though the Operator of it hath much to say for daily benefits to himself and relations (too numerous to recount) yet knowing, who ever duly weighs the other instances, will easily conclude, it must needs have been most serviceable, where it hath been most imployed: I refer you wholly to its other performances and cures elsewhere.

The first of which shall be of a Gentlewoman about twenty years of age, that by much weakness, sickness, and an empty dry Cough, haveing withall past through the whole course of Physick, and even hopeless of recovery, being recommended to the use of this Oyle (by one who had received much good by it) using of it about three moneths continually day by day according to former directions, recovered beyond expectation, and still is resolved to continue the use of it.

The second shall be of an Ancient, weak woman, fallen into a tedious fit of sickness, Feverish, and so stuft in her breast, as she was

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even breathleſs, much means of Phyſick by councel of Phyſicians ſhe had uſed, but left helpleſs of all.

She hearing of my Oyl, ſent for an ounce, I ſent it with directions how to uſe it, and a while after that, another; and ſo after that another, by the uſe whereof, continually a little and a little, ſhe became hearty and well againe; but near upon a Twelve-moneth after fell ſick againe, and then timely betaking her ſelf to the ſame Remedy, ſhe with ſomewhat a leſs quantity recovered: and againe, about a year after that falling ill againe, by the very ſame meanes againe recovered and continued well for about twelve or fourteen moneths, as well as her years conſidered could be expected.

3. The third I ſhall inſtance, is of a young man which for a long time had an Ague and a Fevour, and had uſed all the means that he could poſſible, and all in vaine, in ſomuch that he was paſt hope of recovery, but at laſt was adviſed by a Phyſician to uſe the Oyle of *Sulphur* according to the direction that is in this book, the man took his adviſe, and in a ſhort time his Ague and Fever left him, and he reſtored to his former ſtrength.

4. The fourth experiment is of a man of middle age, who had been along time under

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an extream ſickneſs, with a great pain in his ſtomack and bowels, and had uſed much means with advice in Phyſick, but ſtill became worſe and worſe; a friend of his who had made uſe of my Oyle, recommended its uſe unto him, as what was likely to do him good; ſo he ſent for two ounces of my Oyle, with directions how to uſe it, which I readily ſent him, and before it was half taken, he ſent me word he had received ſo much benefit by it, that he would never be without it.

5. A fifth inſtance, is, of a Woman about the age of thirty, which was very often troubled with pain in her Teeth, by reaſon they were ſo much waſted and corrupted, and her gums ulcerated: I adviſed her to make uſe of my *Oyle of Sulphur*, and gave her directions how to uſe it, and in a ſhort time it ſcaled her teeth, and made them as white as Ivory, and alſo perfectly cured the Ulcers in her mouth, which gave great content to the party.

6. A ſixth proof hereof, is, of a Girl about ten years old, in an extream Fever, with thirſt, ſhortneſs of breath, Cough, with tough flegm, and vehement paines in her ſide, yet in this ſad condition found no releif, like to what ſhe had by continual uſe of my *Oyl of Sulphur* day and night, for it cooled and quenched her

thirſt, ſtayed her Cough, ripened her flegm, removed her paines, and ſhe recovered without bleeding, which every one that ſaw her thought impoſſible.

7. One for many years troubled with a very *ſtinking breath*, and continual *Head-ach*, by reaſon of Vapours aſcending from putrified *Lungs*; by often uſing this Oyle in the diſtilled water or decoction of *Egrimony*, and in common drink, in a ſhort time recovered to perfect health, and all ill ſcents of the breath totally ſeaſed.

8. A man aged 60 and odd years, who for a long time had laboured under the great paine of the Tyſick, and difficulty of breathing, ſo that he could not lye down, but always ſlept upright in a Chaire for fear of ſtopping his breath; he was directed to me, and by a few dayes uſe thereof, it ſo opened the paſſages, that he breathed perfectly, and the Tyſick, or or wheeſing troubled him no more.

9. A Gentlewoman in the Country being very much troubled with Riſing of the lights, ſo that every night ſhe feared dying in her ſleep, was by providence of a friend, who had good teſtimony of my oyle, directed to ſend to me for ſome of it; I ſent her two ounces which

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ſhe daily uſing, according to my directions, ſoon became very well to her great comfort.

10. In the *Pleuriſie*, and all pains and *Stitches* in the *Sides*, it hath wonderful effects; one violently taken with pain in the ſide, ready to ſtop his breath, ſent to me for an ounce, which I immediately furniſhed him with, and following the directions how to uſe it, was perfectly healed in 24 hours, when nothing but death was expected.

11. A Child of three years old, ſuddenly ſurprized with *Convulſion-fits*, in thrice taking hereof was well, and the fits came no more.

12. A Gentlewoman violently oppreſſed with the *Pangs* of the *aſcention* of the *Matrix*, uſing this Oyl in *Aqua partheine*, was in a few times taking perfectly cured.

13. One grievouſly vexed with *Belchings* and *loathing* of meat, having a depraved and loſt Appetite by a foul ſtomack, was by taking hereof, in a few days brought to a good appetite; all belchings and riſings of the Stomack ceaſed, without vomiting or purging.

14. A man having by cold got a grievous

Horſeneſs, *Cough*, and *Soreneſs* of his throat and ſtomack, ſo that he could ſwallow no meat; by taking hereof in his drink and *broth*, in ſix days was cured.

15. One much troubled with griping in the guts, being that Diſtemper vulgarly called the *Plague* in the guts and having his bowels grievouſly excoriated, ſent to me for ſome of my Oyl of Sulphur, after all other means were tryed in vain; which I directed him to take, two or three drops at a time in Plantane-water, and gave him preſent eaſe.

16. One who was much troubled with *ſcalding Urin*, and piſſing by drops, with much pain and anguiſh; by taking hereof according to my directions, found eaſe in one night, and by a little uſe, a perfect cure.

17. A woman grievouſly labouring with ſhortneſs of breath, filthy ſcents ariſing to her mouth, from her lower parts inwardly, often aſcertions and grievous pangs in her Matrix; after much miſery, and waſting both of body and Purſe upon Phyſitians, Providence directed her to me, and by uſe hereof, according as I preſcribed, found a remedy beyond hopes or expectation.

18. A young man, after ſome Venerial Combates, having ſome *Puſtulaes* and *Pruritus* about his *penis*, *ſcrotum*, and between the *Glans* and *Preputium*, ſo that he could not reſt nor ſit ſtill in quiet; by uſing this in a proper vehicle I gave him, in a few hours gave eaſe, and put a ſpeedy period to his diſtemper, freeing him from the worſt of fears, the amputation of that moſt affected member.

19. One uſing to make bloody water, eſpecially if he did but a little walk or exerciſe himſelf and not without ſome dolour; in a few weeks uſe hereof, was quite eaſed, and made urine clear and freely.

20. The Author hath alſo a moſt excellent ſweating Medicine, which doth powerfully drive forth all peſtilential infection, and by this means preſerves the heart and brain, and alſo the natural ſpirits from the malignity of the PLAGUE. It moſt pleaſantly frees the bodys of men, women, and children from all impurities of the blood, caſting forth all manner of Fevers. Not one that hath taken this Medicine in time, but God hath bleſſed it with the ſucceſs of cure, or in ſome, where nature hath been weak, and not able to throw out (her enemy) the poyſonous matter, with two or three (at moſt) times taking of this Medicine,

cine, it hath both forced out, and broken the swelling in the Groynes, and (other emunctuaries) the Arm-holes being but continued to five or six takings, it infallibly clears the blood, wherein all diseases take their beginning; so upon this account I can do no less then with all that regard their health, to the use of this most admirable and unequallized Medicine in these contagious times.

21. Many more examples of rare and wonderful Cures herewith by me performed I could assert, but I hope *Semel dictum sapienti sat est.* I'll name but one more, and conclude; which is of a Woman so grievously troubled with worms, both great and small, that she endured grievous pains in her belly, and continually voided very small worms in her Excrement: by a little use hereof, was well to her singular comfort.

To prevent any Sophistication, or deceit in any of my Medicines by counterfeits, they shall be always sealed up with this Coat of Arms, as is in the Title Page.

Postscript.

THose who desire this so pleasant, so efficatious and profitable a remedy, let the Reader be informed, That at *Tho. Moulson's* house in *Tenter-Alley* in little *Moor-fields*, at the sign of the *Kolden-Key*, this Oyl is to be had, truly and faithfully made without any addition; made onely of the Sulphur it self.

And likewise you may have at the same place, *Spirit of Salt*, prepared after the best way, or any *Chymical* Salts, Oyles, and Spirits.

Besides which Oyl or Spirit of *Sulphur*, several other admirable and effectual Medicinal secrets, not onely for Preservation against all contagious and infectious diseases, but approved for the certain, safe, and speedy cure of most, if not all diseases; as hath been proved by many hundred Patients (adjudged rather incurable, or desperately dangerous by other Physitions,) are here to be had, being the more then ordinary Secrets and Preparations, of THOMAS MOULSON, Operator in Chymistry, and Licensed Physician.

From

From my House in *Tenter-Alley*, at the signe of the GOLDEN KEY, in Little MOOR-FIELDS, *July* 20th. 1665.

THO. MOULSON.

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